

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATION COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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In the Matter of)	
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Request for Review by Colegio)	
Santiago Apostol)	Form 471 Application Nos. 401068
Decision of the Universal Service)	& 401050
Administrator)	
Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	CC Docket No. 02-6
Support Mechanism)	

TO: Wireline Competition Bureau

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

Pursuant to Sections 54.719(c) and 54.721 of the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission" or "FCC") rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.719(c) and 54.721 (2003), Colegio Santiago Apostol ("Santiago Apostol") hereby appeals the decision of the Schools and Libraries Division ("SLD") of the Universal Service Administrative Company to reduce the requested discount in Funding Year 2004 (07/01/2004 – 06/30/2005) from 90% to 20%.

I. BACKGROUND

On February 04, 2004, Colegio Santiago Apostol filed a FCC Forms 471 with the SLD indicating the services for which it was requesting discounts under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism (the "E-rate program").¹ On Block 4 of its Form 471 applications, Colegio Santiago Apostol indicated that 362 out of 362 students enrolled during the 2004-2005 academic year qualified for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program ("NSLP") and requested a 90% discount on all of its funding requests.² During

¹ FCC Form 471 No. 401068 and 401050 for Colegio Santiago Apostol (Exhibit A).

² The specific funding requests numbers are 1096628, 1096550, 1096565 and 1096572

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its review of Colegio Santiago Apostol's application, the SLD requested documentation supporting the eligible discount rate for the school.³ Specifically, the information request, which was delivered to Colegio Santiago Apostol, requested the following information:

1. The total number of enrolled.
2. Total number of surveys/applications sent out
3. Number of survey/application returned
4. Total number of students that qualifies for the National School Lunch Program, using the Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEG) of the NSLP, per returned surveys/applications
5. Are the surveys/applications and results kept on file.
6. Provide a sample copy of the FILLED OUT SURVEY/APPLICATION with the child's personal information crossed out for confidentiality.
7. A signed certification that reads: "I certify that only those students who meet the Income Eligibility of the National School Lunch Program have been included in Column 5 of item 10b, Block 4 (Worksheet A) of the Form 471."
8. The information must be in writing on the school letterhead and signed by a school official (such as the Principal, Vice – Principal Superintendent, Director of Food Services.

On December 02, 2004 Colegio Santiago Apostol provided the information requested to the SLD on the school letterhead and signed by the school Director, Elsie N. Alvira.⁴ In its response, Colegio Santiago Apostol indicated that there were 323 students enrolled, that 323 surveys/applications were sent out and that 323 surveys/applications were returned. It also indicates from those 323 survey/applications returned 323 students qualifies for the NSLP, that the surveys/applications and its results are kept on file and certified that only the students who meet the IEG of the NSLP had being included in Column 5 item 10b of block 4 (worksheet A) of the Form 471. Colegio Santiago Apostol also provided a sample copy of the socio-economic survey⁵.

³ See fax from, Schools and Libraries Division, Program Integrity Assurance, to Gilberto Perez, dated November 29, 2004 (Exhibit B).

⁴ See Letter from Colegio Santiago Apostol's Director, Elsie N. Alvira to Schools and Libraries Division, Program Integrity Assurance, dated December 02, 2004 (Exhibit C).

⁵ See ESTUDIO SOCIOECONOMICO (Exhibit D)

On April 19, 2005, the SLD issued a funding commitment decision letter reducing the discount rate from 90% to 20%.⁶ The SLD provided as explanation on the reason for the percentage reduction the following statement: **FRN approved; modified by SLD. The site-specific discount was corrected.**

It is our assumption that the SLD established the basis for the decision of awarding a 20% discount versus the 90% originally requested on the conflicting information provided by Colegio Santiago Apostol in the submitted SLD Form 471 and the response to the PIA request for information. (Exhibit A) **Colegio Santiago Apostol submitted in filing the SLD Form 471 with inaccurate information on Block 4 column 4 (362) and on Block 4 column 5 (362)⁷.** This number is not consistent with the information provided in the applicant response to the request of information. (Exhibit D and Exhibit E) **Exhibit E provides the correct information (numbers) to calculate, following the FCC rules and procedures the exact number of students for Block 4, Column 4(323) and Column 5 (323).**

The survey, which had been provided to the SLD during the PIA review process, asked parents to provide the size of the family, the number of students enrolled in the school, and the household income. Out of the 323 surveys distributed, 323 of the students completed the survey. From the 323 completed surveys, 323 (100 %) were determined to be eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the NSLP in accordance with the Income Eligibility Guidelines of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Following the SLD's guidelines we can get to the conclusion that in Colegio Santiago Apostol 323 students, or 100 % of its student population, qualified for a free or reduced-price lunch under the NSLP. Using the discount matrix set forth in the FCC rules, a school with 100 % of its student population eligible for the national school lunch

⁶ See Letter from Schools and Libraries Division, Universal Service Administrative Company to Colegio Santiago Apostol, dated April 19, 2005 (Exhibit E)

⁷ Exhibit A

program qualifies for 90% discount under the schools and libraries universal service support mechanism.

II. COLEGIO SANTIAGO APOSTOL CORRECTLY DETERMINED THE PERCENTAGE OF STUDENTS ELIGIBLE FOR A FREE OR REDUCED-PRICE LUNCH UNDER THE NSLP.

Although Colegio Santiago Apostol erroneously filed an SLD Form 471 with inaccurate information on Block 4, alternately, when requested submitted sufficient evidence to the PIA to demonstrate the percentage of students eligible for a free or reduced – price lunch under the NSLP. (90%)

Under the Commission's rules, the discount available to a particular school is determined by indicators of poverty and high relative cost of service.⁸ First, the level of poverty for schools is measured by the percentage of their student enrollment that is eligible for a free or reduced-price lunch under the NSLP or a federally-approved alternative mechanism outlined in Title I of the Improving America's School Act (IASA).⁹ These federally-approved alternative mechanisms include data comparable to the NSLP data that is collected through surveys. As the Commission has acknowledged, surveys are particularly relevant to schools that many not have access to NSLP data, such as private schools.¹⁰ Second, a school's high-cost status is derived from rules that classify it as urban or rural.¹¹ The Commission's rules provide a matrix reflecting

⁸ 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b).

⁹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b)(1); *Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, Report and Order, CC Docket No. 96-45, FCC 97-157, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, ¶¶ 508-09 (rel. May 8, 1997).

¹⁰ See *School for Language and Communication Development*, Order, 17 FCC Rcd 15166 (rel. Aug. 6, 2002).

¹¹ 47 C.F.R. §§ 54.505(b)(3)(i), (ii).

both the school's urban or rural status and the percentage of its students who are eligible for the school lunch program to establish its discount rate, ranging from 20 percent to 90 percent.¹²

Because NSLP data is unavailable for Colegio Santiago Apostol, it used a federally-approved alternative mechanism that relies on actual counts of low-income children to determine the level of poverty.

III. THE SLD ERRONEOUSLY CONCLUDED THAT COLEGIO SANTIAGO APOSTOL QUALIFIED FOR A 20% DISCOUNT AND FAILED IN NOT REQUESTING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO THE SCHOOL AND CLARIFY THE CONFLICTING INFORMATION.

Colegio Santiago Apostol submitted to the SLD exactly what it was asked to submit: (a) the total number of students (323 students), (b) the number of surveys/applications sent out (323), (c) the number of surveys/applications returned (323) (d) the number of students qualified to participate in the NSLP, 323 (based on the SLD projection guidelines), (e) if the survey/applications were kept on file, yes, (f) and (g) certification that only students that meet the IEG of the NSLP have been included in Column 5, item 10b of block 4 (worksheet A) of the Form 471. In addition, Colegio Santiago Apostol provided a sample copy of the socio-economic survey conducted by the school. No additional documentation supporting the eligible discount rate for the school was requested.

IV. CONCLUSION

Colegio Santiago Apostol provided clear evidence to the SLD that it qualified for a 90% discount under the E-rate program since out of 323 students (100 % of the student population) were eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the NSLP. This data was collected through a survey that was conducted in accordance with the SLD's guidelines. Furthermore, the school

¹² 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(c).

provided the SLD with all the information that was requested during the application review process. Therefore, the SLD erred in its decision to reduce the discount rate from the requested 90% to 20% and in not granting a 90% discount to Colegio Santiago Apostol. Colegio Santiago Apostol respectfully requests that the Commission reverse the SLD's reduction on percentage discount requested and grant its application to be funded at a 90% discount.

Respectfully submitted,

COLEGIO SANTIAGO APOSTOL

/s/ Elsie N. Alvira

Elsie N. Alvira

Director, Colegio Santiago Apostol

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June 02, 2005

**Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program
Services Ordered and Certification Form 471
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Block 1: Billed Entity Information*Exhibit A*

Applicant's Form Identifier: APOS-FAJ04

471 Application Number: 401050

Cert. Postmark Date: 02/04/2004

Out of Window Letter Date: Not applicable

Funding Year: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Form Status: CERTIFIED - In Window

Billed Entity Number: 200062

RAL Date: 03/03/2004

Name: Colegio Santiago Apostol
Address: Carretera 987 Km 0.7, Ruta hacia Las Croabas
City: Fajardo **State:** PR **Zip:** 00738

Contact Name: GILBERTO PEREZ
Address: 85 CALLE MUNOZ RIVERA
City: CAGUAS **State:** PR **Zip:** 00725

Type of Application: SCHOOL

Ineligible Orgs: N

Block 3: Impact of Services Ordered in THIS Application

Number of students to be served: 362

Number of library patrons to be served:

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	BEFORE ORDER	AFTER ORDER
a. (Schools/districts/consortia only) Telephone service: How many classrooms had phone service before and after your order?	0	0
b. High-bandwidth voice/data/video service: How many buildings served before and after your order?	1	1
c. High-bandwidth voice/data/video service: Highest speed to a building before and after your order?	128	128
d. Dial-up Internet connections: How many before and after your order?	0	0
e. Dial-up Internet connections: Highest speed before and after your order?	0	0
f. Direct connections to the Internet: How many before and after your order?	1	1
g. Direct connections to the Internet: Highest speed before and after your order?	128	128
h. Internet access(for schools): How many rooms have Internet access before and after your order?	2	2
i. Internet Access: How many computers (or other devices) with Internet access before and after your order?	15	15

Block 4: Worksheets

Worksheet A No: 546196 Student Count: 362
 Weighted Product (Sum. Column 8): 325.8 Shared Discount: N/A

1. School Name: Colegio Santiago Apostol
 2. Entity Number: 200062 3. Rural/Urban: Urban
 4. Student Count: 362 5. NSLP Students: 362 6. NSLP Students/Students: 100.000%
 7. Discount: 90% 8. Weighted Product: 325.8

Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

FRN: 1096550 FCDL Date:	
11. Category of Service: Telecommunications Service	12. 470 Application Number: 377780000473020
13. SPIN: 143002711	14. Service Provider Name: Puerto Rico Telephone Company
15. Contract Number: T	16. Billing Account Number: 787-863-0524
17. Allowable Contract Date: 12/23/2003	18. Contract Award Date:
19a. Service Start Date: 07/01/2004	19b. Service End Date: 06/30/2005
20. Contract Expiration Date:	
21. Attachment #: 1	22. Block 4 Entity Number: 200062
23a. Monthly Charges: \$317.00	23b. Ineligible monthly amt.: \$0.00
23c. Eligible monthly amt.: \$317.00	23d. Number of months of service: 12
23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges (23c x 23d): \$3,804.00	
23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges: \$0.00	23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.: \$0.00
23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges (23f - 23g): \$0.00	
23i. Total program year pre-discount amount (23e + 23h): \$3,804.00	
23j. % discount (from Block 4): 90	
23k. Funding Commitment Request (23i x 23j): \$3,423.60	

FRN: 1096565 FCDL Date:	
11. Category of Service: Internet Access	12. 470 Application Number: 377780000473020
13. SPIN: 143022659	14. Service Provider Name: A New Vision in Educational Services and Materials (NEVESEM)
15. Contract Number: MTM	16. Billing Account Number: SAN02006
17. Allowable Contract Date: 12/23/2003	18. Contract Award Date:

19a. Service Start Date: 07/01/2004	19b. Service End Date: 06/30/2005
20. Contract Expiration Date:	
21. Attachment #: 2	22. Block 4 Entity Number: 200062
23a. Monthly Charges: \$522.00	23b. Ineligible monthly amt.: \$.00
23c. Eligible monthly amt.: \$522.00	23d. Number of months of service: 12
23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges (23c x 23d): \$6,264.00	
23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges: \$6,020.00	23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.: \$.00
23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges (23f - 23g): \$6,020.00	
23i. Total program year pre-discount amount (23e + 23h): \$12,284.00	
23j. % discount (from Block 4): 90	
23k. Funding Commitment Request (23i x 23j): \$11,055.60	

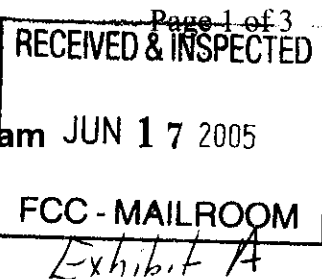
FRN: 1096572	FCDL Date:
11. Category of Service: Internet Access	12. 470 Application Number: 377780000473020
13. SPIN: 143022659	14. Service Provider Name: A New Vision in Educational Services and Materials (NEVESEM)
15. Contract Number: MTM	16. Billing Account Number: SAN02006
17. Allowable Contract Date: 12/23/2003	18. Contract Award Date:
19a. Service Start Date: 07/01/2004	19b. Service End Date: 06/30/2005
20. Contract Expiration Date:	
21. Attachment #: 2	22. Block 4 Entity Number: 200062
23a. Monthly Charges: \$92.00	23b. Ineligible monthly amt.: \$.00
23c. Eligible monthly amt.: \$92.00	23d. Number of months of service: 12
23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges (23c x 23d): \$1,104.00	
23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges: \$.00	23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.: \$.00
23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges (23f - 23g): \$0.00	
23i. Total program year pre-discount amount (23e + 23h): \$1,104.00	
23j. % discount (from Block 4): 90	
23k. Funding Commitment Request (23i x 23j): \$993.60	

Block 6: Certifications and Signature

24a. Schools: Y
 24b. Libraries or Library Consortia: N
 26a. Individual Technology Plan: N
 26b. Higher-Level Technology Plan(s): Y
 26c. No Technology Plan Needed:
 27a. Approved Technology Plan(s): N
 27b. State Approved Technology Plan: Y
 27c. No Technology Plan Needed:

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Schools and Libraries Universal Service Program
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Block 1: Billed Entity Information

Applicant's Form Identifier: APOS-FAJ04-2

471 Application Number: 401068

Cert. Postmark Date: 02/04/2004

Out of Window Letter Date: Not applicable

Funding Year: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005

Form Status: CERTIFIED - In Window

Billed Entity Number: 200062

RAL Date: 03/03/2004

Name: Colegio Santiago Apostol
Address: Carretera 987 Km 0.7, Ruta hacia Las Croabas
City: Fajardo **State:** PR **Zip:** 00738

Contact Name: GILBERTO PEREZ
Address: 85 CALLE MUNOZ RIVERA
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Type of Application: SCHOOL

Ineligible Orgs: N

Block 3: Impact of Services Ordered in THIS Application

Number of students to be served: 362

Number of library patrons to be served:

SERVICE DESCRIPTION	BEFORE ORDER	AFTER ORDER
a. (Schools/districts/consortia only) Telephone service: How many classrooms had phone service before and after your order?	0	0
b. High-bandwidth voice/data/video service: How many buildings served before and after your order?	1	1
c. High-bandwidth voice/data/video service: Highest speed to a building before and after your order?	128	128
d. Dial-up Internet connections: How many before and after your order?	0	0
e. Dial-up Internet connections: Highest speed before and after your order?	0	0
f. Direct connections to the Internet: How many before and after your order?	1	1
g. Direct connections to the Internet: Highest speed before and after your order?	128	128
h. Internet access(for schools): How many rooms have Internet access before and after your order?	1	1
i. Internet Access: How many computers (or other devices) with Internet access before and after your order?	15	15

Block 4: Worksheets

Worksheet A No: 546215**Student Count:** 362**Weighted Product (Sum. Column 8):** 325.8**Shared Discount:** N/A**1. School Name:** Colegio Santiago Apostol**2. Entity Number:**

200062

3. Rural/Urban: Urban**4. Student Count:** 362**5. NSLP Students:** 362 **6. NSLP Students/Students:** 100.000%**7. Discount:** 90%**8. Weighted Product:** 325.8

Block 5: Discount Funding Request(s)

FRN: 1096628 FCDL Date:	
11. Category of Service: Internal Connections	12. 470 Application Number: 377780000473020
13. SPIN: 143022659	14. Service Provider Name: A New Vision in Educational Services and Materials (NEVESEM)
15. Contract Number: One Time	16. Billing Account Number: SAN02006
17. Allowable Contract Date: 12/23/2003	18. Contract Award Date: 01/21/2004
19a. Service Start Date: 07/01/2004	19b. Service End Date:
20. Contract Expiration Date: 09/30/2005	
21. Attachment #: 3	22. Block 4 Entity Number: 200062
23a. Monthly Charges: \$.00	23b. Ineligible monthly amt.: \$.00
23c. Eligible monthly amt.: \$0.00	23d. Number of months of service: 12
23e. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible recurring charges (23c x 23d): \$0.00	
23f. Annual non-recurring (one-time) charges: \$4,660.00	23g. Ineligible non-recurring amt.: \$.00
23h. Annual pre-discount amount for eligible non-recurring charges (23f - 23g): \$4,660.00	
23i. Total program year pre-discount amount (23e + 23h): \$4,660.00	
23j. % discount (from Block 4): 90	
23k. Funding Commitment Request (23i x 23j): \$4,194.00	

Block 6: Certifications and Signature

24a. Schools: Y

24b. Libraries or Library Consortia: N

26a. Individual Technology Plan: N

26b. Higher-Level Technology Plan(s): Y

26c. No Technology Plan Needed:

27a. Approved Technology Plan(s): N

27b. State Approved Technology Plan: Y

27c. No Technology Plan Needed:

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November 24, 2004

Dear Mr. Perez

Colegio: Santiago, Nuestra, and Corazon
787-743-1171

Application Number(s): 401068/401050 & 404171/404239 & 405824/405859

Col. Santiago Apostol

Exhibit B

The Program Integrity Assurance (PIA) team is in the process of reviewing all Form 471 Applications for schools and libraries discounts to ensure that they are in compliance with the rules of the federal universal service program. We are currently in the process of reviewing your Funding Year 2004 Form 471 Application. To complete our review, we need some additional information. The information needed to complete the review is listed below.

- 1.) Based upon review of your Form 471 application, we were not able to validate your requested discount percentages of 90% for *Colegio's Santiago and Nuestra* and 80% for *Colegio Corazon*. If you choose to validate your original requested discount percentages of 90% and 80%, then please provide the appropriate documentation if one of the following acceptable methods were used:
 - a. If the school participates in a National School Lunch Program (NSLP), please provide us a signed copy (preferably by the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent, or Director of Food Services) of the Reimbursement Claim Form that the school sends to the state each month. Make sure that the following 3 items are identified:
 - 1) The Entity name
 - 2) The total number of students enrolled at the entity
 - 3) The total number of students eligible for Free/Reduced Lunch Program for the entity

If the school district fills out an aggregate form for the school district, provide a signed letter from a school official (preferably the Superintendent) that lists the Free/Reduced information for each school in the district.

- b. If the discount percentage was determined by information obtained from a survey/application, please provide the following information:
 - 1) Total number of students enrolled
 - 2) Total number of surveys/applications sent out
 - 3) Number of surveys/applications returned
 - 4) Total number of students qualified for NSLP per the returned surveys/applications
 - 5) Are the surveys/applications and results kept on file.
 - 6) Provide a sample copy of a FILLED OUT SURVEY/APPLICATION with the child's personal information crossed out for confidentiality.
 - 7) A signed certification that reads: "I certify that only those students who

meet the Income Eligibility Guidelines of the National School Lunch Program have been included in Column 5 of Item 10b, of Block 4 (Worksheet A) of the Form 471.”

- 8) This information must be in writing on school letterhead and signed by a school official (such as the Principal, Vice-Principal, Superintendent, Director of Food Services).

- c. If the discount was determined using a different method than what was identified above, please indicate the method that was used and provide all relevant data.

If you need additional guidance relating to the questions being asked, please refer to pages 16-18 of the Funding Year 2004 Form 471 Instructions (<http://www.sl.universalservice.org>).

Please fax or e-mail the requested information to my attention. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

It is important that we receive all of the information requested so we can complete our review. **Failure to do so may result in a reduction or denial of funding.**

Please send the requested information within seven calendar days. If you need additional time to prepare your response, please let me know as soon as possible.

Thank you for cooperation and continued support of the Universal Service Program.

Sincerely,

Steve Tenzer
Schools And Libraries Division
Program Integrity Assurance
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FAX: 860-6655

Exhibit C

To: Steve Tenzer
PIA Reviewer

Fax: 973-399-6522

From: Elsie N. Alvira
Director
Colegio Santiago Apostol

Date: December 2, 2004

Subject: Application Numbers 401068/401050

The discount percentage was determined by information obtained from a survey/application method. Results were as follow:

Total number of students enrolled - 323

Total number of surveys/applications sent out - 323

Number of surveys/applications returned - 323

Total number of students qualified for NSLP per the returned surveys/applications - 323

Are the surveys/applications and results kept on file - Yes

Copy of a FILLED OUT SURVEY/APPLICATION - annex 1

Signed certification - annex 2



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División de Planificación

Exhibit D

ESTUDIO SOCIOECONOMICO

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1 Región Educativa Humacao 2 Distrito Escolar Fajardo

3 Escuela Colegio Católico Santiago Apóstol 4 Grado Kinder

5 Nombre del estudiante _____

6 Nombre del padre o encargado _____

Ocupación Policia

Ingreso Anual 20,000

7 Nombre de la madre _____

Ocupación maestra

Ingreso Anual 12,000.00

8 Total Ingreso Anual Familiar \$ 32,000.00

9 Total Miembros de la Familia 5

Certifico Correcto _____

Firma Padre o Encargado

Fecha _____

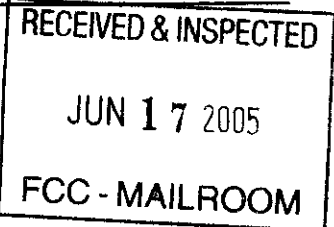
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FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION LETTER
(Funding Year 2004: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005)

May 10, 2005



GILBERTO PEREZ
Colegio Santiago Apostol
85 CALLE MUNOZ RIVERA
CAGUAS, PR 00725

Exhibit E

Re: Form 471 Application Number: 401050
Funding Year 2004: 07/01/2004 - 06/30/2005
Billed Entity Number: 200062
Applicant's Form Identifier: APOS-FAJ04

Thank you for your Funding Year 2004 E-rate application and for any assistance you provided throughout our review. Here is the current status of the funding request(s) featured in the Funding Commitment Report at the end of this letter.

- The amount, \$2,333.20 is "Approved."

Please refer to the Funding Commitment Report on the page following this letter for specific funding request decisions and explanations.

The Important Reminders and Deadlines immediately preceding this letter are provided to assist you throughout the application process.

NEXT STEPS

- Review technology planning approval requirements
- Review CIPA Requirements
- File Form 486
- Invoice the SLD using the Form 474 (service providers) or Form 472 (Billed Entity)

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

On the pages following this letter, we have provided a Funding Commitment Report for the Form 471 application cited above. The enclosed report includes a list of the Funding Request Number(s) (FRNs) from your application. The SLD is also sending this information to your service provider(s) so preparations can be made to begin implementing your E-rate discount(s) after you file your Form 486. Immediately preceding the Funding Commitment Report, you will find a guide that provides a definition for each line of the Report.

TO APPEAL THIS DECISION:

If you wish to appeal the decision indicated in this letter, your appeal must be received by the SLD or postmarked within 60 days of the date of this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. In your letter of appeal:

1. Include the name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address (if available) for the person who can most readily discuss this appeal with us.
2. State outright that your letter is an appeal. Identify which Funding Commitment Decision(s) you are appealing. Indicate the relevant funding year and the date of the FCDL. Your letter of appeal must also include the Billed Entity Name, the

Form 471 Application Number, and the Billed Entity Number from the top of your letter.

3. When explaining your appeal, copy the language or text from the Funding Commitment Report that is at the heart of your appeal, to allow the SLD to more readily understand your appeal and respond appropriately. Please keep your letter to the point, and provide documentation to support your appeal. Be sure to keep copies of your correspondence and documentation.
4. Provide an authorized signature on your letter of appeal.

If you are submitting your appeal on paper, please send your appeal to: Letter of Appeal, Schools and Libraries Division, Box 125 - Correspondence Unit, 80 South Jefferson Road, Whippany, NJ 07981. Additional options for filing an appeal can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We encourage the use of either the e-mail or fax filing options.

While we encourage you to resolve your appeal with the SLD first, you have the option of filing an appeal directly with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received by the FCC or postmarked within 60 days of the above date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, sent to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use either the e-mail or fax filing options.

NOTICE ON RULES AND FUNDS AVAILABILITY

Applicants' receipt of funding commitments is contingent on their compliance with all statutory, regulatory, and procedural requirements of the Schools and Libraries Universal Service Support Mechanism. Applicants who have received funding commitments continue to be subject to audits and other reviews that USAC and/or the FCC may undertake periodically to assure that funds that have been committed are being used in accordance with all such requirements. The SLD may be required to reduce or cancel funding commitments that were not issued in accordance with such requirements, whether due to action or inaction, including but not limited to that by the SLD, the applicant, or the service provider. The SLD, and other appropriate authorities (including but not limited to USAC and the FCC), may pursue enforcement actions and other means of recourse to collect erroneously disbursed funds. The timing of payment of invoices may also be affected by the availability of funds based on the amount of funds collected from contributing telecommunications companies.

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A GUIDE TO THE FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

A report for each E-rate funding request from your application is attached to this letter. We are providing the following definitions for the items in that report.

FORM 471 APPLICATION NUMBER: The unique identifier assigned to a Form 471 application by the SLD.

FUNDING REQUEST NUMBER (FRN): A Funding Request Number is assigned by the SLD to each Block 5 of your Form 471 once an application has been processed. This number is used to report to applicants and service providers the status of individual funding requests submitted on a Form 471.

FUNDING STATUS: Each FRN will have one of the following definitions:

1. An FRN that is "Funded" is approved at the level that the SLD determined is appropriate for this FRN. The funding level will generally be the level requested unless the SLD determines during the application review process that some adjustment is appropriate.
2. An FRN that is "Not Funded" is one for which no funds were committed. The reason for the decision will be briefly explained in the "Funding Commitment Decision Explanation." An FRN may be "Not Funded" because the request does not comply with program rules, or because the total amount of funding available for this Funding Year was insufficient to fund all requests.
3. An FRN that is "As Yet Unfunded" reflects a temporary status that is assigned to an FRN when the SLD is uncertain at the time the letter is generated whether there will be sufficient funds to make commitments for requests for Internal Connections at a particular discount level. For example, if your application included requests for discounts on both Telecommunications Services and Internal Connections, you might receive a letter with funding commitments for your Telecommunications Services funding requests and a message that your Internal Connection requests are "As Yet Unfunded." You would receive one or more subsequent letters regarding the funding decision on your Internal Connections requests.

SERVICES ORDERED: The type of service ordered from the service provider, as shown on your Form 471.

SPIN (Service Provider Identification Number): A unique number assigned by the Universal Service Administrative Company to service providers seeking payment from the Universal Service Fund for participating in the universal service support mechanisms. A SPIN is also used to verify delivery of services and to arrange for payment.

SERVICE PROVIDER NAME: The legal name of the service provider.

CONTRACT NUMBER: The number of the contract between the eligible party and the service provider. This will be present only if a contract number was provided on your Form 471.

BILLING ACCOUNT NUMBER: The account number that your service provider has established with you for billing purposes. This will be present only if a Billing Account Number was provided on your Form 471.

SERVICE START DATE: The date services were reported to start for this FRN on your Form 471.

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: The date the contract expires. This will be present only if a contract expiration date was provided on your Form 471.

SITE IDENTIFIER: The Entity Number listed in Form 471, Block 5, Item 22a. This will be present only for "site specific" FRNs.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE RECURRING CHARGES: Eligible monthly pre-discount amount approved for recurring charges multiplied by number of months of recurring service approved for the funding year.

ANNUAL PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT FOR ELIGIBLE NON-RECURRING CHARGES: Annual eligible non-recurring charges approved for the funding year.

PRE-DISCOUNT AMOUNT: Amount in Form 471, Block 5, Item 23I, as determined through the application review process.

DISCOUNT PERCENTAGE APPROVED BY THE SLD: The discount rate that the SLD has approved for this service.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION: This represents the total amount of funding that the SLD has reserved to reimburse your service provider for the approved discounts for this service for this funding year. It is important that you and your service provider both recognize that the SLD should be invoiced and the SLD may direct disbursement of discounts only for eligible, approved services actually rendered.

FUNDING COMMITMENT DECISION EXPLANATION: This entry provides an explanation of the amount in the "Funding Commitment Decision."

FUNDING COMMITMENT REPORT

Form 471 Application Number: 401050
Funding Request Number: 1096550 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Telecommunications Service
SPIN: 143002711 Service Provider Name: Puerto Rico Telephone Company
Contract Number: T
Billing Account Number: 787-863-0524
Service Start Date: 07/01/2004
Contract Expiration Date: 06/30/2005
Site Identifier: 200062
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$3,804.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$3,804.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$760.80 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The site-specific discount was corrected.

Funding Request Number: 1096565 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Internet Access
SPIN: 143022659 Service Provider Name: A New Vision in Educational Serv
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: SAN02006
Service Start Date: 07/01/2004
Contract Expiration Date: 09/30/2004
Site Identifier: 200062
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$1,566.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$6,020.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$7,586.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$1,517.20 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The site-specific discount was corrected.

Funding Request Number: 1096572 Funding Status: Funded
Services Ordered: Internet Access
SPIN: 143022659 Service Provider Name: A New Vision in Educational Serv
Contract Number: N/A
Billing Account Number: SAN02006
Service Start Date: 07/01/2004
Contract Expiration Date: 09/30/2004
Site Identifier: 200062
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Recurring Charges: \$276.00
Annual Pre-discount Amount for Eligible Non-recurring Charges: \$.00
Pre-discount Amount: \$276.00
Discount Percentage Approved by the SLD: 20%
Funding Commitment Decision: \$55.20 - FRN approved; modified by SLD
Funding Commitment Decision Explanation: The site-specific discount was corrected.